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TOWN OF OAKHAM MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL OFFICIAL REPORTS

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Town Officers for 1918

Town Clerk

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1921
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Selectmen

JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1919
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EDMUND CODY,	Term expires 1920
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SYLVESTER R. DEAN,	Term expires 1921
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Assessors

CHARLES S. CLIFFORD,	Term expires 1921
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JOHN W. DWELLEY,	Term expires 1919
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WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1920
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Overseers of the Poor

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1921
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CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,	Term expires 1919
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JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1920
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School Committee

J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1919
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MRS. MINNIE M. DAY,	Term expires 1920
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JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1921
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Library Trustees

FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,	Term expires 1921
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SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1920
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JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1919
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Cemetery Committee

*ALFRED C. MORSE,	Term expires 1921
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1919
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1920

Collector

GEORGE H. MORSE

Treasurer

JOHN W. DWELLEY

Auditor

JOHN ROBINSON

Tree Warden

*ALFRED C. MORSE

Highway Surveyor

WINTHROP H. BOYD

Sealer of Weights and Measures

GEORGE H. MORSE

Measurers of Lumber

O. D. WEBBER	W. A. WOODIS	W. R. DEAN
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Measurers of Wood

*A. C. MORSE	S. R. DEAN	F. H. PARMENTER
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*Deceased.

Fence Viewers

JESSE ALLEN C. H. TROWBRIDGE W. W. GRIMES

Constables

W. C. AYRES G. H. MORSE F. H. PARMENTER
F. L. CHEEVER F. EXLEY H. W. BARTLETT

Field Drivers

JOHN ROBINSON EDWIN GREEN D. LABONTE

Town Agent

FRANK S. CONANT

Cattle Inspector

HENRY W. STONE

School Superintendent

GEORGE E. CASWELL

Undertaker

JAMES P. FAIRBANK

Forest Fire Warden

C. H. TROWBRIDGE

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the
County of Worcester,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the third day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, one Cemetery Committee for two years to fill vacancy, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers, six Constables ; also

to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town " all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Article 12th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Article 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to light the street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 15th. To see if the town will vote to insure their employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to paper and paint the interior of the Town Hall, hallways, and Selectmen's room, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 17th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to buy a town flag, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 18th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the old flag pole or buy a new one.

~~Article 19th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 23, General Acts of 1917, entitled "An act to provide for the licensing of coffee houses, so called."~~

~~Article 20th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 254, General Acts 1917, entitled "An act to authorize cities and towns to pay their employees who enlist in the service of the United States the difference between their military and their municipal compensation."~~

Article 21st. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to paint the outside of the town hall, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 22d. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to pay one-fourth the cost of painting the outside of the church, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 23d. To see if the town will withdraw from the Charlton Poor Farm Association, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 24th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to have its real estate re-valued or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

JOHN P. DAY,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
EDMUND CODY,
Selectmen of Oakham.

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS

Feb.	21.	Son (Samuel A.) to Samuel and Eva Bruno
Feb.	24.	Son (Guy H., Jr.) to Guy H. and Maren S. Cheever
Mar.	31.	Daughter (Lily Annie) to Walter and Mary
May	11.	Son (unnamed) to Ernest and Anna Dufresne B. Hall
May	28.	Son (Henry W., Jr.) to Henry W. and Ellen H. Stone
Aug.	14.	Daughter (Alice N.) to Edward J. and Laura N. Crawford
Oct.	9.	Son (Ernest R.) to George H. and Marjorie E. Lackey
Dec.	16.	Daughter (Lillie Rutherford) to Milton and Minnie Bullard
Dec.	3.	Son (John) to Victor and Josephine Sor-yozenski

DEATHS

			y.	m.	d.
Feb.	6.	Sibley F. Woodis	65	11	8
Feb.	25.	Eunice H. Ayres	72	2	
Mar.	17.	Prof. H. P. Wright	78	3	18
Mar.	30.	Susan N. Thresher	60	10	3

			y.	m.	d.
May	12.	———Dufresne	0	0	1
June	24.	Eugene A. Lincoln	53	1	9
July	12.	Alfred C. Morse	57	2	18
Oct.	3.	Charles L. Wyman	65	4	28
Oct.	14.	E. Lawrence Lawless (Killed in France)	22		
Dec.	1.	Bessie N. Hunt	37	10	24
Dec.	12.	Louisa A. Ayres	77		
Dec.	28.	John Soryozenski			14

Dog licenses—73

Hunters' licenses—78

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer's Report

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand	\$2,001 91
Received of Edmund Cody, taxes 1916	9 83
Edmund Cody, taxes 1917	2,219 73
George H. Morse, taxes 1918	6,247 98
State of Mass., corporation tax	49 03
State of Mass., national bank tax	41 99
State of Mass., soldiers' exemption	1 86
State of Mass., tuition of children	119 25
State of Mass., inspection of animals	15 50
State of Mass., state aid	234 00
State of Mass., income tax	432 00
State of Mass., Highway Commission	93 66
State of Mass., mothers' aid	79 76
State of Mass., State school fund	1,147 79
State of Mass., high school tuition	908 75
State of Mass., high school trans- portation	939 80
W. C. Temple, acct. School Super- intendent	187 50
Dog fund (83.666%) returned	147 59
Borrowed of Worcester Trust Co.	5,000 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	7 50
Cemetery Committee	85 33
Perpetual Care Funds	71 28
Sale Lot No. 65, Pine Grove Ceme- tery	20 00

Rent of Memorial Hall	39 50	
Charlton Poor Farm Association, refunded	49 50	
Butcher's license	1 00	
American Express Co., liquor license	1 00	
Frank Smith & Son, insurance re- funded	10 64	
F. E. Davis, fines and cards	7 62	
Alfred Park Wright Memorial Fund	18 75	
A. L. Nickerson Estate, for Ceme- tery Fund	100 00	
A. C. Morse Estate, for Cemetery Fund	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$20,340 07

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders	\$17,199 44	
Trust funds deposited	150 00	
Overlaying taxes 1918	168 28	
	<hr/>	\$17,517 72

Balance in Treasury	\$2,822 35
Overlaying taxes 1915-16-17	\$499 93
Due Worcester Trust Co.	\$2,000 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Deposited in the Worcester County Institution for
Savings:

George H. Gould	\$100 00
Daniel H. Dean	100 00

Caroline M. Maynard	150 00
A. J. Holden	50 00
Lyman S. Walker	100 00
William A. Fobes	100 00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg	100 00
Henry A. Morse	100 00
William L. Haskell	100 00
Henry P. Wright	100 00
Laura G. Burt	100 00
Anna D. Adams	25 00
Hall and Nourse	100 00
In the Mechanics Savings Bank :	
Stephen Lincoln	150 00
Charles A. Fobes	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell	100 00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley	25 00
Mary E. Brown	50 00
Martha Macullar	100 00
Fannie W. Kimball	50 00
Sumner Reed	100 00
Weeks and Elliott	100 00
In the Five Cents Savings Bank :	
Ruth H. Robinson	50 00
Jesse Allen	100 00
Lewis Allen	100 00
A. L. Nickerson	100 00
A. C. Morse	50 00

FOBES MEMORIAL FUND AND INTEREST

Mrs. Celia Fobes	\$2,000 00
Interest	219 36
B. P. Clark, legacy	890 07

ALFRED PARK WRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

		\$500 00
Interest	\$25 00	
Paid for magazine subscriptions	18 75	
	<hr/>	\$6 25

MARY LINCOLN ALDEN MEMORIAL FUND

		\$5,000 00
Interest	\$250 00	
Personal check given by Mr. George L. Alden	50 00	
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	\$300 00	
Given to the needy	167 50	
	<hr/>	\$132 50

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,

Treasurer.

Report of the Selectmen

The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1918:

PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Paid Jesse Allen	\$53 94	
Postage and telephone	6 74	
	<hr/>	\$60 68

Treasurer

Paid John Dwelley	\$50 00	
Postage	12 84	
	<hr/>	\$62 84

Tax Collector

Paid George Morse	\$85 00	
Postage	12 15	
	<hr/>	\$97 15

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day	\$50 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	40 00	
Edmund Cody	40 00	
Postage and telephone	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$132 00

Assessors

Paid W. H. Parkman	\$63 00	
John Dwelley	66 00	
C. S. Clifford	60 00	
Telephone	1 95	
	<hr/>	\$190 95

Auditor

Paid John Robinson	\$50 00	
Book and stamp	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$53 50

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid W. B. Green	\$2 00	
Clifford Knight	2 00	
F. E. Davis	6 00	
James P. Fairbank	2 00	
C. H. Trowbridge	2 00	
W. G. Mann	4 00	
George Morse	4 00	
John Robinson	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 00

Registrars of Voters

Paid John P. Day	\$6 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	6 00	
Edmund Cody	4 00	
Jesse Allen	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 00

Moderator

Paid W. W. Russell	\$2 00
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation, \$600

Paid George H. Morse	\$15 00
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Overseers of Poor

Appropriation, \$500

Services and support of poor	\$566 63
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School Committee

Paid for support of schools	\$5,304 35
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Library Trustees

Paid for support of library	\$319 55
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Superintendent of Streets

Appropriation, \$1000

Paid for highways and bridges	\$848 73
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Care of Street Lights

Appropriation, \$400

Paid Oliver Wilkins	\$78 00	
Albert Briggs	51 00	
C. H. Parker & Son	81 41	
W. E. Swindell	75	
George Butler	12 23	
Am. Gas Machine Co.	18 65	
	————	\$242 04

Cemetery Committee

Paid for care of cemeteries	\$177 07
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State Aid

Paid H. M. Green	\$72 00	
S. Amanda Reed	72 00	
Emma Blodgett	72 00	
	————	\$216 00

Bonds for Town Officers

Appropriation, \$42

Paid Mass. Bonding Co.

Treasurer	\$12 00	
Tax Collector	30 00	
	————	\$42 00

State and County Tax

Paid County	\$478 00	
State tax	990 00	
State highway tax	139 60	
	————	\$1,607 60

Worcester Trust Co.

Int. appropriation, \$65

Paid for money borrowed	\$5,000 00	
Interest	134 17	
	————	\$5,134 17

Coldbrook Road

Appropriation, \$500

Paid for repairs on Coldbrook Road	\$258 75
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Opening Roads

Appropriation, \$400

Paid for opening roads	\$595 23
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Memorial Day

Appropriation, \$20

Paid Soldiers' Memorial Association	\$17 19
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Insurance of Employees

Paid F. A. Smith & Son	\$73 39
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Brown Tail Moth

Appropriation, \$20

Paid C. H. Trowbridge	\$14 40
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Fire Dept.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge	\$16 11	
David Hallowell	1 56	
Justin Rawson	62	
George Morse	2 00	
D. Labonte	2 00	
State of Mass., soda	3 53	
A Newton & Son	1 86	
Ralph Keep	1 56	
W. Grimes	2 48	
	—————	\$31 72

Painting Town Hall

Appropriation, \$165

Paid Charles B. Daniels	\$165 00
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One-Fourth Expense Painting Church

Appropriation, \$100

Paid Charles B. Daniels	\$100 00
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Miscellaneous

Paid W. W. Russell, care of hall	\$ 76 55
C. G. Rogers, printing	156 18
Dr. E. S. Douglas, reporting births	3 50
W. C. Ayres, express	83
H. W. Stone, inspection of barns	31 00
H. W. Stone, inspection of meat, 1917	90 00
H. W. Stone, inspection of meat, 1918	104 00
C. H. Trowbridge, repairs and labor	3 85
George S. Butler, supplies	6 94
Industrial School, Worcester	61 07
Charles Getemy, certifying notes	4 00
Worcester Abstract Co.	7 34
C. B. Daniels, repairs on hall	6 00
Sanford-Putnam Co., collector's book	3 05
R. F. Parker, planing sign posts	50
Fuller Regalia Co., service flag	14 00
John Dwelly, assessors' supplies	2 50
George H. Morse, collector's sup- plies	4 65
E. Bert Johnson, express to Boston	3 00
Mechanics National Bank, rent of deposit box	3 00
Jesse Allen, labor	1 00
Barre Wool Combing Co., band	60 00
Carter's Ink Co., ink	34
C. B. Daniels, painting clock dials	40 00
John P. Day, perambulating and auto	3 00
E. Cody, perambulating and auto	2 00

John P. Day, sawing wood	10 50	
J. P. Fairbank, death return	1 50	
George H. Morse, dog officer	25 00	
Ed Cody, postage	75	
F. E. Davis, care of clock	25 00	
John P. Day, expenses to Boston	3 50	
S. R. Dean, expenses to Boston	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$758 00
Total expenditures		<hr/> \$17,199 44

Collector's Report

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1916	\$12 74	
Interest	1 32	
	<hr/>	\$14 06

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	\$9 83	
By abatement	4 23	
	<hr/>	\$14 06

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1917	\$2,150 76	
Interest	88 63	
	<hr/>	\$2,239 39

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	\$2,219 73	
By abatements	19 66	
	<hr/>	\$2,239 39

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,
Tax Collector.

Collector's Report for 1918

Taxes committed to me for collection, Sept. 14, 1918:

State tax	\$990 00
County tax	478 00
Town tax	7,133 00
State highway tax	139 60
Overlaying taxes	168 28
Omitted taxes	48 18
Interest	2 35

\$8,959 41

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	\$6,247 98
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\$2,711 43

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. MORSE,

Collector.

Report of the Road Commissioner

OPENING ROADS

John P. Day	\$12 21
C. R. Knight	10 31
Albert Briggs	5 63
Bert Reed	9 30
Ralph Keep	5 63
Fay Russell	4 07
F. W. Beckwith	5 62
William Sney	8 44
David Labonte	1 87
Sylvester R. Dean	9 69
H. A. Crawford	47
Walter Tucker	2 40
Thomas Gaffney	66 85
H. W. Stone	13 13
Milton Bullard	13 38
George Grimes	10 50
Elmer Willard	3 75
Ed Bullard	12 50
W. H. Boyd	22 80
F. H. Boyd	4 60
John Moran	2 50
M. F. Lincoln	34 46
Clarence Grimes	8 50
Ira Stone	8 44

James Gaffney	30 31
Justin Rawson	20 21
David Hallowell	2 19
Fred Parkman	5 33
W. H. Parkman	5 33
George Morse	1 48
C. H. Trowbridge	1 52
Donald Rutherford	5 47
Martin Winiski	2 79
William Gaffney	41 77
Pat O'Donnell	10 94
F. J. Lupa	12 39
Joe Smith	13 91
H. D. Bullard	3 75
W. B. Green	1 25
Mathew Scott	39 19
James Scott	73 86
Fred Exley	11 80
Mason Dean	12 81
Joseph Exley	10 94
Frank Winslow	10 94

HIGHWAYS

W. Grimes	\$3 00
William Gaffney	5 00
J. P. Fairbank	4 80
M. Winski	6 00
L. P. Green	3 00
W. R. Dean	26 20
J. Leyden	10 50
G. S. Butler	1 98
C. H. Parker	4 20
R. F. Parker	50

George Morse	8 40
W. H. Boyd	356 50
F. H. Boyd	147 00
J. C. Woodis	166 50
P. Woodis	82 50
C. Grimes	7 50
A. Newton	83 00
H. Newton	39 00
E. Green	24 00
F. Parkman	49 00
R. Keep	5 50
G. Grimes	3 00
D. Labonte	6 50
A. B. Spooner	3 00
T. Gaffney	12 00
Mrs. Sanderson	1 80
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	10 00
N. E. Road Machine Co.	15 40

\$1,085 78

Coldbrook Road

258 75

Other highways

\$827 03

W. H. BOYD,
Road Commissioner.

List of Jurors

Clifford Knight, farmer
Thomas Gaffney, farmer
George H. Morse, tax collector
Bert S. Reed, carpenter
Frank Boyd, farmer
William Nye, retired
Fred Parkman, farmer

Report of Overseers of the Poor

Assessment	\$ 11 40
C. H. Parker & Son	113 58
D. F. Howard	70 16
Poor Farm	178 70
St. Vincent Hospital	22 15
Mrs. F. M. Clifford	99 61
William H. Parkman (Overseer)	25 00
C. H. Trowbridge (Overseer)	18 00
Jesse Allen (Overseer)	25 00
Postage	3 00
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	\$366 60

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE,
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
Overseers of the Poor.

Fobes Memorial Library

Receipts

Town appropriation	\$300 00
Dog fund	147 59
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	\$447 59

Expenses

William C. Ayres, janitor	\$120 00
William C. Ayres, express	5 94
George S. Butler	3 43
C. H. Trowbridge, labor	75
Walter A. Woodis, wood	38 75
Charles B. Daniels, labor	9 00
Frank E. Davis, librarian	80 35
Frank E. Davis, record book	2 80
Robert M. Briggs, exchange of books	25 00
H. R. Huntington, books	14 98
Fobes Memorial Library, books	18 55
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	\$319 55

JESSE ALLEN,
SARA E. BUTLER,
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,
Trustees.

Report of Charlton Poor Farm Association

For the Year Ending December 31, 1918.

The annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Association are hereby presented. The purchasing of additional stock, a pair of horses, a wood sawing outfit, gasoline engine, and ensilage cutter cost the Association over \$1000, which have been paid for out of this year's receipts. The services of Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Wheeler have been retained for another year.

The financial report follows:

RECEIPTS

Milk	\$1971 74	
Eggs	26 09	
Outside Labor	210 00	
Produce	61 00	
Stock	434 50	
Miscellaneous	15 13	
Board	1331 38	
Inmates' Board	3620 20	
Assessment	620 03	
Balance Undivided 1917	16 14	
	<hr/>	\$8306 21

EXPENDITURES

Carl M. Wheeler and wife, salary	\$784 26	
Inside Labor	301 24	
Outside Labor	495 66	
Groceries	1066 76	
Meats and Fish	899 42	
Clothing	180 41	
Grain	1130 68	
Oil	27 50	
Blacksmithing	39 10	
Coal	84 74	
Medical Attendance	107 90	
Drugs	12 96	
Supplies	266 48	
Miscellaneous	502 21	
Stock	715 00	
Seed	176 25	
Machinery and tools	482 44	
Rent and Interest	585 96	
	<hr/>	\$7858 97
Balance in favor of Association		<hr/> \$447 24

Cash received and due from towns of the Association for board of inmates:

Charlton	\$379 79
Holden	597 79
Princeton	397 60
Oakham	188 05
Westminster	421 04
Rutland	241 13
Hardwick	19 24
Paxton	13 50

Sterling	493 69
Millbury	868 37

\$3620 20

These towns had no inmates during the year of 1918:
Auburn, Leicester, Hubbardston, Holland.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
President.

LOUIS M. HANFF,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Charlton, Mass., January 1, 1919.

Report of Cemetery Committee

Receipts

Town appropriation	\$75 00
Paid Town Treasurer by A. C. Morse	19 33
Sale of Lot No. 65	20 00
Perpetual care of Lots	71 28
Individual care of Lots	66 00
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	\$251 61

Expenses

Edwin Green, Supt.	\$141 07	
A. C. Morse	16 25	
M. F. Lincoln	9 75	
F. E. Loring	6 00	
H. A. Crawford	3 00	
F. S. Conant	40	
G. S. Butler	60	
	<hr/>	\$177 07
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Balance unexpended		\$74 54

JESSE ALLEN, *Chairman*,
J. P. FAIRBANK, *Treasurer*

Librarian's Report

During the year the library has been open 96 days.

Circulation for home use,	2,033
Loaned to schools	76

Although the library was closed for a time on account of influenza, the circulation has been larger than last year. These publications have been furnished for the reading room: Illustrated World, McClure's, Independent, Youth's Companion, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, McCall's, Today's Housewife, Etude, Country Gentleman, Successful Farming, Christian Herald, Christian Endeavor World, American Boy, Popular Mechanics, Scientific American, National Tribune, Dumb Animals, Official Bulletin, Worcester Telegram.

The library has received gifts from: G. M. Dean, Mrs. George Edson, Mrs. J. W. Fitts, Rev. A. H. Plumb, Mrs. C. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. Julius Brown, Ernest Hayward, Y. P. S. C. E., Mrs. Martha B. Wright, W. A. Woodis, Edward S. Crawford, Horace Green, Mrs. Jennie Damon, Mrs. Archibald Daniels, Miss Alice L. Wright, and The State Library Commission. The travelling library and a bird library have been loaned by the Woman's Education Association.

These books have been added :

Private Peat
The Wooing of Calvin Parks
Aunt Sarah
The Vulgarians
The Strollers
Lalage's Lovers
A Hostage in Germany
The Promised Land
The Early Bird
Odd Craft
Andrew the Glad
The Riverman
Stillman Gott
Gordon Keith
My Wayward Pardner
The Wire Devils
The Girl from Keller's
The Heart of Alsage
The Sheriff's Son
Adventures of Jimmie Dale
Holy Ann
Patriotism and the Flag
Guld and the Cavern King
My Antonia
When I Was a Girl in Holland
Girls of Old Glory
Indian Heroes
Flying Yankee
Our Patriots
My Country's Voice
Strange Stories of the Great Valley
Little Allies

Over Here Stories
Little House in the Wood
Tales of the Great War
Belgian Twins
French Twins
Daughter of Jehu
Lone Bull's Mistake
Melissa Across the Fence
Little Book of the Flag
My Country
Twin Travellers in South America
Blue Aunt
Safety First
Uncle Remus Returns

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. RAVIS,
Librarian.

Auditor's Report

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, and Library Trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector and found them to be correct.

JOHN ROBINSON,
Auditor.

Report of the School Committee

RECEIPTS

Town, Support of Schools	\$2,000 00
Town, School Superintendent	60 00
Town, Medical Inspection	20 00
State return, School Fund	1,147 79
State return, High School tuition	908 75
State return, School Superintendent	187 50
State return, Education State children	119 25
State return, High School transportation	939 80
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	\$5,383 09

EXPENSES

School Committee

Paid Jesse Allen, services	\$60 25
J. Nelson Ball, services	7 00
Mrs. Minnie M. Day, services	13 00
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	\$80 25

School Superintendents

Paid James R. Childs	\$157 50
George E. Caswell	125 00
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	\$282 50

Teachers

Paid Miss F. E. Bothwell	\$458 00
Miss E. M. Braman	440 00
Miss R. E. Butterfield	488 50
Miss H. Rutherford	390 00
Mrs. E. T. Swindell	198 00
Miss E. Shaw	30 00
Mrs. R. B. Dwelley	136 00
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	\$2,140 50

School Supplies

Paid for supplies	\$138 96
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Care and Cleaning

Paid W. W. Russell	\$55 40
Caroline Winsky	12 50
Frank Parkman	7 20
W. J. Bruce	5 00
Miss H. Rutherford	5 00
J. Nelson Ball	17 00
Francis Willard	2 00
Mrs. John Haire	5 00
W. E. Swindell	4 00
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	\$113 10

Fuel

Paid H. W. Stone	\$26 00
Frank Boyd	45 00
Milton Bullard	30 00
J. P. Day	11 50

R. F. Parker	6 15
Albert Briggs	22 60
W. W. Russell	50
C. H. Trowbridge	75
Frank Parkman	1 00
Ralph Keep	2 75
O. T. Loring	67 50
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	\$213 75

Repairs

Paid C. H. Trowbridge	\$6 50
Bert Reed	7 50
David Labonte	2 25
J. N. Ball	2 00
J. P. Day	4 75
W. F. Fullam, flooring	143 00
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	\$166 00

Promotion of Health

Paid Dr. E. S. Douglas	\$20 00
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Grade Transportation

Paid Mrs. Bessie Labonte	\$180 00
Mr. Henry Crawford	121 00
Mr. William Parkman	57 00
Mr. J. C. Rutherford	45 00
Everett Mann	11 80
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	\$414 80

High School Transportation

Paid Mr. Patrick O'Donnell	\$24 00
Mr. Edmund Cody	34 63
Mr. J. W. Knight	54 00
Mr. Walter Dean	40 50
Mr. James Fairbank	54 00
Mr. Orrin Carpenter	29 76
Mr. William Gaffney	108 00
Mr. Walter Bruce	55 50
Mr. Albert Plumb	52 50
Mr. George Butler	55 50
Mr. J. C. Rutherford	90 90
Mr. G. H. Morse	99 00
Mr. Clayton Adams	34 50
Mr. Patrick Moran	41 10
Mr. George Briggs	12 00
Mr. A. L. Newton	24 00
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	\$809 89

High School Tuition

Paid Town of Holden	\$180 00
Town of Barre	358 75
Town of North Brookfield	120 00
Town of Hardwick	250 00
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	\$908 75

Miscellaneous

Paid Mr. F. S. Conant, clock	\$5 50
Mr. William C. Ayres, express	82
Mr. Guy C. Allen, carrying children	4 00

Mr. J. R. Childs, postage, phone, express and freight	4 12
Mr. G. E. Caswell, postage and telephone	89
Mr. G. S. Butler, freight	52
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	\$15 85
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Total	\$5,304 35

Receipts	\$5,383 09
Expenditures	5,304 35
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Unexpended balance	\$78 74

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
MINNIE M. DAY,
J. WILSON BALL,
School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee, Town of Oakham:

In compiling my report of progress, criticisms and recommendations of the Oakham schools for 1918, I was aided in my survey by the cordial co-operation and kindly assistance of your teachers.

The year has been an unusual one, due to unexpected outbreaks of illness, which has interfered with the attendance and educational advance of the schools.

Centre School

Beginning with the opening of the schools in September, the pupils of the south building have been transported by school barge to the Centre. The change of transfer has been very beneficial, as the scholarship standard has been raised, and the new contact with a larger number of school children and more skillful and productive instruction has increased the desire to study and to accomplish better things.

Considering the increased cost of school maintenance and its kindred expenses, it would be more practicable and less costly to close the West Rural School in June, and at the re-opening of the schools in September bring the children from that district to the Centre building, and make the Centre School a larger consolidated school. Some of the advantages of consolidation, briefly, are: it insures

better attendance; secures better grade work, better returns for money spent; school becomes social centre in the community; morals of pupils protected going from and coming to school; children of the farm have equal opportunities with those of the town; enables the Superintendent not only to inspect but to supervise. I heartily recommend this consolidation as soon as the Committee deem it expedient to carry out the change.

At the present time there are only two pupils in the ninth grade. I suggest that the ninth grade be dropped and the review work be introduced in the eighth year of elementary studies. I would suggest adding on or using another room in the Centre building so that the elementary course could be divided into three divisions, and three teachers be employed in carrying out a more intensive and richer course of instruction for the Oakham school children. The removal of the ninth grade enables the average child to enter high school one year sooner. It would be advisable to raise the age of admission to the first grade to six years so that the age of completing the elementary course would be fourteen. As a result of the reduction of grades, we have more emphasis on the grade subjects and higher averages of scholarship.

Text-books

Text-books for the study of hygiene and "Americanization" should be provided at once for the intermediate and grammar grades. The study of keeping physically fit, of caring for the eyes and teeth, of the absolute necessity of abstaining from alcoholic beverages and narcotics, is extremely essential for the safe-guarding of our growing and sensitive school children. The wisdom of avoiding all physical excesses must be carefully and intensively

presented to the children. Local conditions make it compulsory to emphasize weekly and when the occasion presents itself for illustration and moralization the terrible evils that result from drinking intoxicating liquors and from the smoking habit, especially in reference to cigarettes. State law makes this program mandatory, and every public-spirited citizen of Oakham desires this program and the hastening of the time when such troubles will be stamped out. A text-book offering essential information about our country, its laws, ideals and institutions, should be introduced.

Progress

New language books, new dictionaries and new geographies have been added to present equipment, and as a result increased efficiency has been noticed. Further progress in penmanship could be hastened by the purchase of "Palmer" penmanship manuals. Additional sets of reading books should be provided for all grades.

The course in music under Supervisor Dwelley has been very satisfactory this year. The report of the School Physician shows a large number of decayed teeth, and some remedial measures should be taken on the part of the citizens to relieve the physical decay.

In patriotic campaigns such as the Red Cross, Liberty Bond, War Savings and Thrift Stamps, the children of the Oakham schools have done remarkably well. They have indeed been loyal and true, and deserve the praise of the community. See table of statistics.

A Home Economics Club under the direction of the Worcester County Farm Bureau has been started with a membership of twelve members, and is doing excellent work under the Junior Department Assistant. This prac-

ticable supplementary instruction is of no expense to the town.

Conclusion

The cost of living has risen 65% during the period of 1914-1918, but the teachers' salaries have increased only 4%. The question of providing a living thrift wage for our teachers is a pressing one.

In conclusion, I wish to say a word of praise for the fine attendance and serious desire of the Oakham pupils to acquire a good education; to thank the teachers for their cordial spirit and excellent accomplishments in a year of trying experiences, and to call the attention of the efficient Committee to some of the suggestions mentioned in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. CASWELL.

Holden, Mass., January 1, 1919.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1917-1918

<i>School</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Educated at</i>	<i>Total Enroll.</i>	<i>Average Member.</i>	<i>Average Attend.</i>	<i>Per cent. of Attend.</i>
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	No. Brookfield High	27	27	23.33	86.39
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Seminary	21	21	17.2	81.9
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	21	21	20.58	98
West	Helena K. Rutherford	Northampton	11	11	9.2	83.6
Music	Ruth B. Dwelley	Northampton	80	80	70.31	87.5

PROMOTIONS—JUNE, 1918

School	Grade									
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
Centre	3	3	7	4	4	17	6	2	2	48
Coldbrook	4	4	4	..	1	4	3	1	..	21
West	3	1	2	3	2	..	11
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Totals	10	8	13	4	5	21	12	5	2	80

Promotions 1917—79; promotions 1918—80; increase of 1

SCHOOL CENSUS—APRIL 1, 1918

Boys 5 to 7 years old	6
Girls 5 to 7 years old	10
Boys 7 to 14 years old	25
Girls 7 to 14 years old	35
Boys 14 to 16 years old	11
Girls 14 to 16 years old	9
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Total	96

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term—September 3, 1918, to December 20, 1918
 Winter Term—December 30, 1918, to February 14, 1919
 Spring Term—March 24, 1919, to June 13, 1919

Fall Term—September 2, 1919, to December 19, 1919
 Winter Term—December 29, 1919, to February 13, 1920
 Spring Term—March 27, 1919, to June 11, 1920

Holidays—January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30,
 Barre Fair, October 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day
 following Christmas.

ROLL OF HONOR

Four Years

Alexina Labonte

One Year

Raymond Crawford

Enolia Clifford (1½ day absent)

John Day (1 day absent)

Fall Term

Raymond Crawford

Sophia Bechan

Jennie Hall

Vera Hall

Marian Ferrin

John Day

Enolia Clifford

Winter Term

Franklin Briggs

John Briggs

Raymond Crawford

Roscoe Crawford

John Day

Charles Ferrin (T. 1)

Dorothy Day

Julia Weaver

Enolia Clifford

Spring Term

Esther Briggs

John Day

Raymond Crawford

Enolia Clifford

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. G. E. Caswell, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, I submit my report as music supervisor.

In general, this course is modeled to give the student the power of appreciating the best in music. This is gained through ear training, voice culture, sight reading and learning of songs.

The first step in the child's musical education is to eradicate false tone estimate, to make his ear-tone perfect through watching or imitating right tones. All children who are without serious physical defects can become singers if patiently trained along these lines at an early age. When tone-perfect he is ready to learn by rote, songs that are simple but artistic and valuable musically.

A little later there enters sight reading and enough technical work to make sight reading more rapid. I have found the children readily and eagerly grasping the technical work suitable to their age, thereby gaining powers of concentration and real enjoyment of music. I have put especial emphasis on reading, both individually and as a class.

Throughout the schools there is a splendid spirit for real work, so that in spite of various handicaps, such as too many grades working together, I feel that we shall complete a well defined course of study.

It is my desire to continue the work along the same lines as formerly, making changes only where they seem necessary to me. We shall study selections from best composers, combined with the Community songs which are of so much national importance today, with the object of assembly singing in view.

All of the teachers have both the native ability and the willing response needed to give the subject the time and care that is due them. The work is presented in very definite form, and it largely depends upon the regular teacher to see this work properly carried out according to the original intention.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLEY,

Supervisor of Music.

Report of the School Physician

Mr. George E. Caswell, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Sir:

Dr. Douglass reports for examination of pupils in the following schools: West District, South District, (June only), Centre School and Coldbrook Springs, in June, 1918, and December, 1918:

	June	Dec.
Cases of defective teeth	30	21
Enlarged tonsils	4	5
Excessive wax in ears	10	8
Adenoids	0	2
Number of pupils examined	77	64
Number of pupils absent	5	21
Total number of cards sent out	36	25

Respectfully yours,

E. S. DOUGLASS, M.D.

Oakham, Mass., Dec. 27, 1918.

REPORT OF SALES OF WAR SAVINGS AND THRIFT STAMPS

January 1 to December 31, 1918

Centre, Grades 6-9—Enrollment, 27; number of pupils holding stamps, 15; total amount of stamps (both kinds) in dollars and cents, \$119.25.

Centre, Grades 1-5—Enrollment, 21; number of pupils holding stamps, 7; total amount of stamps (both kinds) in dollars and cents, \$56.50.

Coldbrook, Grades 1-8—Enrollment, 21; number of pupils holding stamps, 18; total amount of stamps (both kinds) in dollars and cents, \$173.25.

West, Grades 1-8—Enrollment, 11; number of pupils holding stamps, 5; total amount of stamps (both kinds) in dollars and cents, \$21.90.

Total enrollment, 80; total number of pupils holding stamps, 45; total amount of stamps (both kinds) in dollars and cents, \$370.90.

Per cent. of ownership	56.2
Average holding per pupil	\$8.24

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